(a) whether Government have set up a committee headed by the Secretary, Mini-ttry of Transport, to go into the question of private participation in road construction and maintenance; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the other members of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not ame.

Donning of private contractors from handling cargo operations at Airports

39 '. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL;

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban private contractors from handling cargo operations at airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present, no private contractors are acting as cargo handling agents at any of the airports. The question of imposing a ban, therefore, does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Setting np of Rural Universities

398. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO. Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Rural Universities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education-1986 visualises the consolidation and development of the new pattern of Rural Universities on the Iine of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas on Education. The details of the scheme for establishment of Rural Universities have not yet been finalised.

Manufacture of aircraft for Vayudoot

399. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: WAI the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to manufacture aircraft for Vayudoot in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to manufacture any aircraft for Vayudoot apart from Dornier aircraft already being manufactured by HAL.

Functions of the National Airports Authority

400. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased (0 refer to th« reply to Unstarred Question 157 given in the Rajya Sabha on rne 23rd April, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the National . Airpoits Authority has recently been set up; and

(b) if so, .what are 'ts functions and what are the names of its Chairman and other Members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Airports Authority has been constituted on the 21st of May, 1986 and has become operational on the lst of June, 1986 Tne Authority has been established for the mana-| gement 0I aerodromes and civil enclaves